

BY AUTHORITY.
J. W. PRINCE, Esquire, Acting Vice Consul for Honolulu in this Kingdom, has this day given official notice of his return to this Kingdom. And that he has this day resumed the charge of the Hawaiian Vice Consulate.
HENRY A. F. CARTER,
Minister of Foreign Affairs.
Department of Foreign Affairs, Honolulu, May 11th, 1877.
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NOTICE is hereby given that from and after May 1st, 1877, the management and control of the Hawaiian Boarding School at Makawao, on the island of Maui, will be under the supervision of Mr. P. L. Clark, the present principal, who will continue to be a private enterprise, and the Board of Education will not be responsible for any debts or charges against the school, incurred after the date above named. By order of the Board.
W. J. ASKEW, Secy.
Allohuai Hale, May 1, 1877.

Mr. Thomas P. Mulla has been duly appointed Head Supervisor of the District of Hanalei, Island of Hawaii, in place of Hon. G. W. D. Halstead, deceased.
J. MOTT SMITH, Minister of the Interior.
Interior Office, May 1st, 1877.

Arrangements having been made, by His Majesty's Consent General in London, for the reconstruction of Hawaiian Vessels, under the International Signal Code system, all owners of Hawaiian Vessels desiring to avail themselves of the advantages, are requested to communicate with the undersigned.
May 1st, 1877. J. W. ASKEW, Secy. General of Customs.

Mr. Cecil Brown has been duly appointed a member of the Board of Appraisers of lands subject to commutation on the Island of Oahu.
The Board consists of the following gentlemen:
J. JONES, J. W. MAKALENA, CECIL BROWN.
J. MOTT SMITH, Minister of the Interior.
Interior Office, May 1st, 1877.

Lease of Government Lands at Auction.
On Saturday, the 23rd day of June next, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the front entrance of Allohauai Hale, will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, the lease of the land of **Hanalei**, district of Kona, Hawaii, containing about one thousand acres. For the term of fifteen (15) years. Upset rental, twenty dollars per annum.
Also, at the same time and place will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, the remainder of the Government land and also in Kailua, district of Honolulu, known as **Kahala**, containing 17 1/2 acres more or less.
Also, at the same time and place will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, the lease of Lot No. 3, of the "Keweenaw" in Queen Street, Honolulu, will be sold to the highest bidder for a period of fifteen (15) years, upon price \$250 annual rental. The purchaser of the lease will be required to put the building in good repair, and return it in good repair at the expiration of the term in a habitable condition.
J. MOTT SMITH, Minister of the Interior.
Interior Office, May 1st, 1877.

HAWAIIAN GAZETTE.
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HENRY M. WHITNEY.
GEORGE H. DOLE, ASSOCIATE EDITOR.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1877.

THE destruction of the steamer's warehouse and wharf at Waikae, Hilo, will necessitate the provision of some further accommodation for freight in that harbor. Two years ago, while the matter of providing a store-house was being discussed, we suggested a bulk as the best thing to meet the wants of the port, which was warmly seconded by its inhabitants. A bulk of 300 or 400 tons, roofed over, with ample doors on each side, with tackle for hoisting freight in or out, moored in a convenient part of the harbor, would soon become the great depot for freight or luggage. The steamer might haul alongside, discharge into it her freight, and receive on board 1000 tons of sugar in less time than she now can take 200 kegs, and go on her way with even less detention than she now requires at that port. The same bulk could serve for schooners; or, as in the case of the barks D. C. Murray and Pacific, for foreign vessels. And in the event of another earthquake wave, such a craft, well anchored at her bow and stern, would afford greater security than any store-house on shore.

GREAT EARTHQUAKE WAVE
HAVING received tidings from all parts of the country, we are now able to lay before our readers full particulars of the great oceanic wave of May 10th. It appears to have occurred simultaneously all over the group, but as its inception was at early dawn, it was not observed except in a very few places. At Kahului, on the island of Maui, as stated by a correspondent last week, the first unusual subsidence of the sea was noticed about a quarter before five in the morning, by parties who were out in the bay fishing. An observer in this town who was near the harbor, and who had his attention attracted by the shouting of natives, and saw the exposed reefs, places the occurrence at exactly the same time, viz: fifteen minutes before five o'clock. Mr. J. J. Porter, of Hilo, Hawaii, whose letter we publish to-day, fixes the moment of the wave, which overwhelmed the village of Waikae, at precisely the same time, and the statement of Captain Smithers, of the whaling bark Pacific, which was lying at the time in Hilo Bay, corroborates this. According to Mr. Severance, the oscillation of the sea was first remarked about four o'clock in the morning, nearly an hour previous to the great wave. The difference between the highest and the lowest water mark at various localities we ascertain to be as follows:

Hilo, on east side of Hawaii, 35 feet.
Kailua, on west side of Hawaii, 30 feet.
Kailua, north side of Hawaii, 25 feet.
Kailua, south side of Hawaii, 12 feet.
Honolulu, north side of Oahu, 4 feet 10 in.
Nawiliwili, S. side of Oahu, 3 feet.

As on previous occasions the rise at Hilo and Kahului was much greater than in other places, the reason for which, we believe, must be attributed partially to the configurations of the coast-line, both being situated at the head of bays, and perhaps partially to some unknown peculiarity in the sea-bottom off shore, and perhaps of the reef.

Complete details of the catastrophe at Hilo will be found in the various subsequent letters. The loss of life was not so great as in 1837 or 1868; probably because the population is less dense now than at those periods. Those killed comprise one man, two women, and two young children, all natives. Among those dangerously wounded was an aged white man named Parker. The whaling bark Pacific was in a very critical position. A correspondent says of her, "all day long she rolled, and pitched, and swung round and round, knotting and fouling her cable, shooting forward, going astern, careening nearly on her beam ends, and threatening to capsize. Many a time her keel was on the ground when the flood was out, and her peril was great. Every timber and plank and spar in her seemed as if instinct with pain. Her restless motion was constant." It was fortunate that the bark D. C. Murray and steamer Kilauea left Hilo the evening previous. Had the latter been at her usual anchorage, which is some distance inside of where the Pacific was lying, the chances are that she would have been injured.

It may be that the origin of this disturbance is within a short distance of this group. A new island may possibly be in the process of upheaval two or three hundred miles to the south-east of the island of Hawaii. But we believe that the cause is more remote, and we shall confidently expect to hear at an early date of another fearful earthquake on the neighboring continent, similar to that experienced in Ecuador and Peru in 1868, perhaps in North, but more likely in Central, or South America.

We publish in full the three following letters as each contains details not mentioned in the others:

Hilo, May 11, 1877.
Mr. Editor.—Last Thursday, at quarter to five o'clock a.m., this place was visited by a tidal wave from about N. E., making a straight line for Waikae, sweeping all before it, destroying the greater portion of the settlement, carrying some of the stronger wooden houses a quarter of a mile from the beach. The loss of life, as far as ascertained, is five. Many are missing and disfigured, escaping death most miraculously. The fine wharf and store house belonging to steamer Kilauea is entirely demolished. The long spacious store house at Ohele, belonging to T. Spencer, was completely swept away, together with some 45 native houses and their contents. The store house contained provisions, shoes, etc., from three ships, together with 44 large casks of white oil, on storage, from the bark Pacific, of New Bedford, nearly all of which we have succeeded in recovering. It is a most lamentable sight to witness the poor destitute natives with their families. They have lost everything they possessed. The ranch located on the Waikae River, put up by Mr. A. Young some years ago, was carried away by the river on the opposite bank. The fish ponds belonging to the Crown, have all been washed away. On the side of the bay, from the Waikae to the Waikae River, some eight or nine houses were swept away. I should judge the loss of the area was all of 30 feet rise and fall. Messrs. Reed and Sison have lost considerable lumber from the wharf. Packages of doors and windows, and other furniture, etc., were picked up in the bay as far as Kailua. It is almost impossible to give an estimate of the loss in destruction of buildings and other property, but I should judge that \$200,000 would not cover it. I am of opinion that this trouble is not local, but comes from abroad, as we have not received any tokens of a shock to cause an earthquake, consequently no cause for tidal wave. We have yet to hear from Kau and other places where we fear much damage and loss of life has happened. Yours truly, J. J. PORTER.

Hilo, May 12th, 1877.
Mr. Editor.—You left us on the evening of the 9th inst. At 5 on the morning of the 10th we were aroused by a loud rattling at the door and a tremendous voice crying out, "The sea is coming in upon us." We leaped out of bed and in half dress ran down to the shore, where we met a sea which almost stunned us. A mighty wave had rolled in and done its strange work. It had leaped the sea-wall of the town, rushed up the street, and carried the ship, and had demolished a building of Reed, Sison and Shipman, filled with materials for building, such as windows, doors, shingles, etc., sweeping all out to sea. It had played the mischief in the lumber yard, carrying off thousands of feet of lumber. It had taken a large pile of many cords of wood, together with a large quantity of green oil, 20 to 30 feet long, across the expanse, and with them formed a barricade before the doors of shops; it had covered Water street, and looked in at the gates and doors of yards and shops with a tide entrance, until it came to the terminus of Church street, where it carried the ship of Mr. Reed, lifted it from the pier, turned it round and planted it across the road that leads to Waikae without stopping it or materially disturbing the many wares within.

Thus far the scene was not tragic; but 20 feet below the flood pressed upon the front of Mr. Kaine's two-story building, driving it back about a fathom and leaving it a little careened backward. Further on it swept away an old bakery, rushed through and nearly upon a pleasant cottage, and then another and another, tearing, some to pieces, and taking up others and dumping them down in the middle of the mud pond behind the beach. One two-story house standing a little ways from the beach was lifted and floated on the flood about 1,000 feet, and left standing in a pond of water.

Thus the rush went on till all the houses along the beach as far as the Waikae were either destroyed or greatly damaged. All this was done in one or two minutes. Meanwhile men, women and children were struggling in the flood, while their earthly all was being carried out to sea by the relentless wave, or lost among the rushes and mud, and confused debris in the swamp behind the beach. Two were drowned in this struggle, one of whom was carried down the river, out to sea, and found floating off Honolulu.

The scene was a very sad and dreary ruin. But the devastation was more complete the scene varied by more sorrowful at Waikae. The wave that struck our sea-wall and beach was about 12 feet above high tide; but at Waikae it is judged to have been 15 feet, and it struck the shore with such fury, and such dynamic power as to tear and rend and carry all before it. The bridge was carried some 2,000 feet and left high in the bushes. The steamer's wharf was demolished at a blow; the two storehouses were crushed like a wicker basket, and 400 barrels of oil, with a large supply of ship stores were scattered all over the beach. More than 20 houses were demolished, and some were floated inland and left stranded among the bushes. The chapel was taken from its foundation and carried some 200 feet, where it was left standing without serious injury. While on its way, the passage the bell in the tower, tolled a solemn requiem for the dying and the dead.

Waikae was a pleasant thriving village, one of the prettiest suburbs of Hilo. It had many neat framed cottages, and 3 houses of two stories. Now there is not a building left of all the front row along the banks of the river—all are gone, and the stones of piers, under piazzas, and walls are scattered in wild confusion over gardens, kalo and potato patches far inland—even trees were uprooted and thrown pell-mell along with the confused debris of demolished buildings, blocking up of roads, and bewildering the traveler.

Had I been carried to Waikae in my sleep on awaking I should not have recognized the place, and would have exclaimed "Where am I?" All is a scene of wild desolation. The aspect is awful in the appallingness of the scene. The sea is reached by a circuitous course some three miles.

The canoes, fishing nets and tackle, agricultural implements, house furniture, trunks, chests, boxes, beds, mats, quilts, clothing, and the little sums of money in the hands of the people, were scattered and to a greater extent lost. The aged Mr. Parker, 77 years old, lost \$500, and perhaps his life, by attempting to save it. He was badly bruised while in the raging waters among the timbers of his fallen house. He was washed up inland quite a distance from the beach, and from being carried into the sea by the retreating wave, he was picked up by the grass and shrubs. He recovered his life.

Many horses, mules, donkeys, dogs and fowls were destroyed. Five lives were lost, and eighteen persons were more or less wounded, some with broken bones, others with bruises on the head, face, and other parts of the body, and scores escaped out of the flood by supernatural efforts or by the help of others in boats. The number of those who are now homeless is more than 160. The total damage to property cannot probably be less than \$25,000. The people were stunned with sorrow, and it is a mournful spectacle to see them half naked, hungry and cold, hanging amidst the mud and rubbish for lost things, or lying in kennels wounded and forlorn, waiting for help. But many of them "know the rod and rim who appointed it," and confer His justice while they plead his mercy. Time and the Grace of God will heal them. One scene in Waikae would draw tears from any but marble eyes. In a

low level about ten feet by six, with an opening for entrance about two and a half feet high, lay two men in the prime of life, one with a broken leg and many bruises, the other with a battered head all bound up in a bandage; one with his forearm broken, his shoulder, as was supposed, dislocated, his head and face badly bruised and swollen; and the other, watching, cheerless and sad, over the cold corpse of his little boy of four years, lately drawn out of the cruel water. All wept tenderly; confessed the hand of God in these sorrows, and desired funeral exercises then and there. Prayer was offered, and a few words of comfort and hope addressed to the sufferers and the mourning parents. A group of some twenty persons quickly gathered before the door—there was not room for them inside—and sat in tearful sympathy during the brief exercises.

Other scenes of sorrow were visited and we returned with moistened eyes and melted hearts, made better, we trust, by the mournful scenes of the day.

Sunday, May 12th.—During the three days just passed our community has been deeply moved with sympathy for the sufferers, and food, clothing and money have been sent to them by many individuals. Systematic efforts have also been made to raise money for their temporary relief. In this our kind Sheriff and others have been very active, so that we now have a purse of about \$500, with the prospect of more. In communicating with the Native Church to-day they seemed much aroused, and we think they will do well, according to their ability. Though the deaths have been less than in the years 1837 and 1868, yet the loss of property has been greater, and the impression made upon our better class of people seems now to be deeper and of a more intelligent character. May the lesson not be lost to any of us, for we are taught to "be ready," that "Man knoweth not his time," and that it is wise to "Lay up treasures in heaven."

Yours, in sympathy with suffering,
T. COAK.

List of Licenses Expiring May, 1877.
RETAIL.
Oahu.
1—Amos & Agn. Marine Alkows and Merchant Sts. Hon.
2—Ab Linn, Marine Street, Honolulu.
3—Est. Yee, Leila, Koolaula.
4—Mrs. M. L. Foster, Fort Street, Honolulu.
5—Jas. A. Hanger, Fort Street, Honolulu.
6—Ab Huna, Kaimanawa, Waikae.
7—Isabel Fisher, corner King and Liliha sts., Honolulu.
Maui.
1—Chas. Sylla, Waikae.
2—Chas. Sylla, Waikae.
3—W. R. Brown, Lahaina.
Hawaii.
1—Akal. Topolua, Kona Akau.
2—Akal. Topolua, Kona Akau.
3—Akal. Topolua, Kona Akau.
Kauai.
1—Chong Tai, Waimea.
2—Aima, Nawiliwili.
Wholesale.
1—E. P. Adams, Queen Street, Honolulu.
Vicualing.
1—Ab Kni, Marine Street, Honolulu.
2—Ab Kni, Marine Street, Honolulu.
3—H. H. Trask, Marine Street, Honolulu.
4—Akeia, Waikae, Maui.
Auction.
1—C. E. Bartow, Honolulu.
Butcher.
1—Abi & Co., Makawao, Maui.
2—Joe Liliha, Lahaina.
3—J. E. Lewis, Lahaina, Kauai.
House.
1—Mrs. Maria Kahi, No. 25.
2—Madie, No. 25.
3—Kapilua, No. 25.
4—Kapilua, No. 25.
5—W. F. Wood, No. 25.
Boat.
1—John Richardson, Lahaina, Maui.
2—Kin Naladaka, Lahaina, Maui.
3—Henry Kolumoni, No. 4, Honolulu.
4—W. F. Conway, Honolulu.
Cake Peddling.
1—Abi, No. 24, Ann.
2—Abi, No. 24, Ann.

Supreme Court of the Hawaiian Islands.—In Admiralty.
Before Mr. Justice Judd.
In the matter of the bark "Mary Belle Roberts," libel for forfeiture and condemnation of vessel for smuggling.
This case occupied the Court nearly 3 days. The defense set up being insanity on the part of the Captain, many witnesses were examined with the object of proving that the Captain was personally irresponsible for his actions; but the Court was of the opinion that Captain Gray was not in such a condition of insanity as to preclude his responsibility, and pronounced in favor of the Libellants, ordering decree of forfeiture, condemning the 37 tons of opium, and the bark "Mary Belle Roberts" her boats, tackle, apparel and furniture.
Hon. A. S. Hartwell, Attorney General for Libellants.
J. M. Davidson and E. T. O'Halloran for the Claimants.
Mr. Davidson noted an appeal pro forma.
Cases for the Coming Week.
Friday 25, May.—Estate of D. E. Curtis, deceased. Petition for Letters of Administration.
Friday 25, May.—Estate of Kailiuli deceased. Petition for Letters of Administration.
Tuesday 29, May.—Petition of J. M. Desmetri Pierce, a minor. Petition for Letters of Guardianship.
EXIT OAKUM.—One of the "characters" of Honolulu, for the past twenty-seven years, a poor fellow who was known as "Oakum," died at the Iolani Asylum last week in consequence of an aneurism from which he has been suffering for several months past. He first appeared about the year 1850, and for many years wore his hair in long flax, on curls down on his shoulders, with nothing on his head but a handkerchief, giving him a peculiar aspect to which he was no doubt partially indebted for the sobriquet to which he answered, which was also a corruption of his real name. He has always lived a wild life, spending much of his time on the mountains in collecting honey, and occasionally cutting a coffee stick for a cane. If engaged in conversation his talk was often quite rational for a few minutes, but he was always ready to wander off ere long, and tell of some large plates of gold found on the mountain, or of an account of a boy he had seen some murder and rob, and bury in the sand, or some other equally extraordinary evidence of mental aberration. His real name was Holcomb Dwight, and he was one of the survivors of the "Donner Party," which came overland to California in 1846. He was, we believe, a native of Illinois. The terrible sufferings endured by this party are well known. All have heard the sad, tragic story of how the party reached the Truckee Pass, in the Sierra Nevada, a month too late, and found it blocked with an impassable barrier of snow; how, during the months of November, December and January, the snow fell in immense quantities, completely burying the shanties they had erected, and concealing their cattle. How, in their desperation, a party set out on snow shoes for aid from the California settlements, and after a month of untold agony, during which the flesh of those that succumbed fell from their bones, they reached the camp near Truckee Lake, and found that the few still living had perished by the same thing but by different means. The survivors were so weak and emaciated, that they could not walk, and were carried by the survivors. Relief parties were instantly started, and the men were taken to the California settlements, and after a month of untold agony, during which the flesh of those that succumbed fell from their bones, they reached the camp near Truckee Lake, and found that the few still living had perished by the same thing but by different means. The survivors were so weak and emaciated, that they could not walk, and were carried by the survivors. 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